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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/532,076
Filing Date	March 21, 2000
First Named Inventor	MASAKI NISHIYAMA
Group Art Unit	2182
Examiner Name	H.J. Kim
Attorney Docket Number	03500.014367

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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a.	<input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____ iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
b.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Preliminary Amendment</u>
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b.	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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In re Application of:

MASAKI NISHIYAMA

Application No.: 09/532,076

Filed: March 21, 2000

For: PERIPHERAL APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD
FOR PERIPHERAL APPARATUS, MEMORY
MEDIUM, AND INFORMATION PROCESSING
SYSTEM

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	* 8	MINUS	*** 8	= 0	x \$100 \$200	0
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$360°/\$180						0
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Docket No. 03500.014367

Examiner: H.J. Kim

Group Art Unit: 2182

Date: December 22, 2004

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- Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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	:	Examiner: H.J. Kim
MASAKI NISHIYAMA)	
	:	TC/Art Unit: 2182
Application No.: 09/532,076)	
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Filed: March 21, 2000)	
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For: PERIPHERAL APPARATUS,)	
CONTROL METHOD FOR	:	
PERIPHERAL APPARATUS,)	
MEMORY MEDIUM, AND	:	
INFORMATION PROCESSING)	
SYSTEM	:	December 22, 2004

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal is filed herewith. Prior to continued examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows, the amendments to the claims being reflected in the listing starting on page 2, and the remarks beginning at page 10.